

JURATE and KASTYTIS



Once upon a time there lived a young fisherman Kastytis. Every morning he sailed to sea and in the evening, with nets full of fish, he returned home where his mother was waiting for him. One day Kastytis returned empty handed, and his mother started worrying that the gods would not get their sacrifice. To lessen his mother's worries Kastytis decided to go to sea again despite the enormous storm. A strong wind was blowing, big waves in the sea were raging. The Baltic sea was not friendly to fishermen that night but Kastytis was fearless. He cast the net once. He cast the net twice and suddenly...A gorgeous goddess Jurate appeared in front of him.

'Why are you disturbing the peace of my kingdom, fisherman? Why are you catching my servants-fish into your nets-let them go Or...'

And she saw his stunning courageous eyes. And she fell in love with a mortal fisherman Kastytis. In vain Kastytis's mother was waiting for her son that night, in vain she was looking round the boundless sea. Kastytis couldn't withstand the beauty of goddess Jurate and followed her to her Amber Palace in the seabed. They spent some happy time in the castle, but Perkūnas, the thunder-god, found out that the immortal goddess had fallen in love with a mortal man.

'How could you violate the laws of gods? How dared you fall in love with a Man? Let your Amber Palace become his grave!'

Perkūnas became furious and struck the amber castle. It exploded into millions of pieces. Next day the waves of the Baltic Sea floated the body of a fisherman Kastytis. His Mother found her dead son while hopelessly wandering along the sea coast. The fragments of the Amber Palace are still cast ashore by the waves of the Baltic Sea. And the goddess Jurate is still shedding bitter tears for her gone man Kastytis in the seabed.

The End

PLACES CONNECTED TO THE LEGEND

“Jurate and Kastytis”

*The legend takes place in
Palanga, Baltic Sea*



*Palanga has a
monument dedicated to
Jūratė and Kastytis. It is
located in a square .*

*Amber has been found here
since the oldest times. A
great number of amber
craftsmen live here. There is
a unique Amber Museum*



*Palanga is a seaside
resort town in western
Lithuania, on the
shore of the Baltic Sea.
It is the busiest summer
resort in Lithuania
and has beaches of
sand and beautiful*